

WILSON WELL PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS

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REBEL SUCCESSES CONTINUE

Evacuation of Saltillo is Announced at Constitutional Headquarters. Campaign on Coast Making Progress.

Washington, May 21.—That communications are passing between American delegates at Niagara Falls and Washington, and that the machinery of the Mexican mediation conference is working smoothly, was the full extent of information on the progress of mediation given out to-day in Washington official circles. Secretary Bryan saw the President during the day, and a message of instruction later was sent to Justice E. Lamar and Mr. Lehmann. Nothing concerning its purport was disclosed here.

Although no statement concerning the President's views of the situation was authorized, it was indicated that he is well pleased with developments. Observers in touch with the situation here made it plain to-day that the President is determined that the entire Mexican question must be solved, and that no halfway measures or compromises will be acceptable.

Mr. Bryan late in the day conferred with John Lind and an American representative of the Constitutionalists. HUEZTA'S FATE IN HANDS

OF MEXICAN DELEGATES
Despite conflicting reports regarding the resignation of General Huerta, assurance in official circles persisted that Huerta had placed himself unreservedly in the hands of his delegates at Niagara Falls, and that if necessary as a last resort, they could announce his retirement, though on conditions.

While the mediation negotiations were developing to-day the Constitutional campaign was progressing vigorously. General Zubaran, General Carranza's Washington representative, received an official message announcing the evacuation of Saltillo, and gave out details, but it was believed here that 12,000 evacuating Federals were retreating on San Luis Potosi, to join Federals who evacuated Tampico and Tuxtepec. The Constitutional force that captured Tampico has withdrawn from Tampico, except for a small garrison, and is hurrying back to Monterrey to participate in the general campaign against Huerta's strongholds in central Mexico.

The Constitutionalists campaign on the Pacific Coast seemed also to be making progress. Part of General Obregon's force was reported advancing against Guadalupe, and official dispatches to the Navy Department reported heavy volley firing at Mazatlan and Guaymas.

SAFETY FOR FOREIGNERS TO RETURN TO OIL FIELDS
Two diplomatic features of the day were a report from the British consul at Tampico that foreigners might safely return to the oil fields, and a request from the Spanish ambassador that Bryan for the good offices of the United States in inducing the Constitutional authorities to accept \$15 a bale for the delivery of cotton confiscated from Spanish growers at Torreon and elsewhere.

The Panuco oil fields were reported reasonably safe for foreigners. The British consul reported the Constitutionalists had reopened the customhouse at Tampico.

Mr. Bryan promised the Spanish ambassador to do what he could for the Spanish cotton raisers who complain that the ransom of \$25 a bale demanded by General Carranza for the confiscated cotton is prohibitive.

The State Department has put its machinery into motion to discover the whereabouts of a person described as a messenger for Admiral Fletcher who disappeared more than a week ago from Vera Cruz. There was some mystery about this messenger; no one in Washington knows what was the message, if any, with which he was charged by Admiral Fletcher, nor is it clear that he is an American.

Admiral Fletcher's own message was not informative on that point. One of the earlier press dispatches described the man as a Filipino mess attendant. To-day word came to the State Department that this messenger had proceeded to the Federal headquarters and reported to General Maas, commander there at the time. He had then proceeded inland for the City of Mexico and nothing more is known of his movements.

The Brazilian minister in Mexico City reported that a train of 250 refugees left Mexico City yesterday for Puerto Mexico.

MARSHALL GUEST OF SCOTTISH RITE

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Known as the ceremonial and official degrees.

Others taking part in the first portion of the exercises were: L. B. Siegfried, James H. Price, J. J. Matern, M. A. Syde, R. S. Crump, C. A. Nesbitt, J. J. Sutton, W. P. Richardson, R. C. Lewis, R. T. Bibb, George E. Roberts, Harry Schwartz and C. B. Fitzwillson. Those who had charge of the more important event were: Charles G. P. Toepfer, Olat Saugstad, Nathan Well, William Taylor Snyder, Francis A. Sebring, John H. von Herman, Frederick M. Boek, George R. Davis, Milton Hoffmann, Elmer E. Simpson, J. Walter Humphrey, Frank E. Gibson, Elmer C. Wood, Bernard A. Baer, L. Henry Bloch, Charles L. Brooks, Lyman E. Burdine, Achille E. Burklin, Clarence E. Christopher, Sulaiman David, Harry A. Davis, Benjamin Goldsworthy, Mason L. Howes, Frank E. Koch, Thomas R. Manning, Henry C. Nalls, William H. Rowe, G. Leon Smithson, Isaac W. Wright, Melvin A. Wertz.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will leave for Washington on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train leaving here at 12:01 o'clock to-day.

ASTOR WILL NOT BUY HISTORIC "WESTOVER"

Emphatically Denies Report That He Contemplates Purchase of Famous Seat on the James.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., May 21.—Vincent Astor and his bride, who have been cruising in this vicinity for several days on his yacht, the Noma, came ashore here this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Astor spent several hours in Norfolk walking about the streets and looking in the windows, but were not recognized. They have been up the James as far as "Westover." The report that the young millionaire was to purchase that estate was denied emphatically by him. When asked of the report he said: "I have not now, and never have, had any intention of buying 'Westover.'"

Mr. Astor said his trip here was purely for pleasure and sight. He is unusually thin and still shows the effect of his recent serious illness. The Noma is expected to remain here a day or so longer, and probably will sail on Saturday for Bermuda.

TOLLS EXEMPTION REPEAL FAVORED BY SENATOR ROOT

Prominent Republican Holds Attention of Senate Throughout Five Hours' Speech.

APPLAUSE LED BY DEMOCRAT

United States, He Says, Must Be Keeper of Its Own Conscience and Act Without Waiting for Protest.

Washington, May 21.—Senator Root, Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee, to-day held the Senate's attention throughout a five hours' speech in support of the administration bill to repeal the tolls exemption clause of the Panama Canal law. As the New York Senator sat down, Senator Kern, Democratic floor leader, led the applause from the floor and spectators in the galleries joined in.

The burden of the speech was to prove that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty provided that treatment accorded by the United States to its own citizens, the use of the Panama Canal must be the same as that accorded citizens of other nations.

Senator Root declared the United States always had insisted on this broad principle of equality, and insisted that the understanding of Henry White, Joseph Choate, John Hay and Theodore Roosevelt, Americans who negotiated the treaty, was that the equality mentioned in the convention was the broad equality which had marked American diplomacy.

Taking up the specific question of exemption of American coastwise vessels, the Senator said the law of 1912 granting this exemption violated the equality guaranteed by the treaty. This was true, he argued, because no real coastwise trade of the United States could pass through this canal 1,000 miles away, and consequently what the law did was to exempt a class of American overseas trade without exempting the like overseas trade of other countries.

SENATE WILL NOT VOTE
The Senator declared he was voting for repeal now because in the opinion of Senators best able to judge, the Senate would vote to arbitrate the dispute. "Right or wrong," he said, "if we decide this in our favor and refuse to arbitrate, we are discredited and dishonored. We have repudiated our own principle. Now let any Senator who votes against repeal take the responsibility of leading his country into that position. If every constituent of mine was looking forward to lower freight rates, I would not so lead my country. Had I in my soul all the national hatred taught in my youth, I would not do it."

Senator Root added that the United States should not wait for all the nations of the world to protest against the exemption, because the United States must be the keeper of its own conscience, and act on its own judgment without waiting for protests. If the treaty, he declared, he would not favor exemption even if Great Britain gave its consent, because the question was broader than the rights of Great Britain.

In conclusion, Mr. Root said he would venture to say American diplomacy had ennobled and sweetened international intercourse. He called on his fellow Senators to meet their duty to their country in the same big and noble spirit that John Hay had met his.

IN DANGER OF VIOLENCE

Thirty Americans at Laguna Unable to Communicate with Authorities.

Panama, Col., May 21.—Thirty Americans at Laguna, in the Mexican State of Campeche, are unable to escape or communicate with the United States authorities, and are in danger of violence, according to J. P. Lewis, of Petersburg, Va., who reached Panama last night from Laguna. Lewis, who reached here on the Russian schooner Kalps, said the Americans at Laguna were running short of food when he left, and that their predicament was serious. Six Americans, he said, set out on a 300-mile journey through dense forests in an effort to reach British Honduras, but that their fate is unknown.

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SENT INFERIOR STEEL TO USE ON CANAL LOCKS

Five Employees of Pittsburgh Company to Be Indicted on Recommendation of Federal Grand Jury.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 21.—A Federal grand jury here to-day made a presentment recommending the indictment of five employees of the Carbon Steel Company on a charge of conspiracy in connection with steel furnished for locks in the Panama Canal. It is alleged that the steel was of such an inferior quality that the canal locks are liable to let go at any time, causing heavy loss of property and probably lives.

The men named are Samuel M. Wetmore, David J. Simpson, Dennis K. Bullens, Henry Lutz and James E. Lacy. Two others, W. R. Warren and Fred Schoppe, also employees of the company, were named in the presentment, but the grand jury recommended that no indictment be found against them, as they testified before the jurors.

The jury requested that the court direct United States District Attorney E. Lowry Humes to lay before it a bill for indictment more particular and at length, setting forth the alleged violations of law. District Attorney Humes said he would present the indictment to-morrow.

It is alleged that the end of large steel beams and plates furnished for the canal locks were tempered highly, so that when government inspectors chipped of an end to analyze they got samples far superior to the rest of the beams and plates.

The plant and offices of the Carbon Steel Company are in Pittsburgh. Dean R. Wilson, secretary of the company, to-day said that but two of the men named in the presentment are employed by the Carbon Steel Company at the present time.

REPORT NOT PRESENTED

The report of the Chickahominy Drainage Commission, which was expected to have been delivered to Judge Turner, in the Henrico County Circuit Court yesterday, was not presented. It is expected that Colonel W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk, who is counsel for the commission and who was in Richmond yesterday, will deliver the report either to-day or to-morrow.

The purpose of the commission is to determine if the scheme for the reclamation is feasible and the probable cost of the work if it is undertaken. It is understood that the report will show that the idea is practicable and that about 15,000 acres of fertile bottom land can be made available for farming and trucking purposes.

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